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In re application of: Jean-Claude BEAUVOIS et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING A STRUCTURED PACKING CORRUGATION, AND CORRESPONDING FLUID-TREATMENT APPARATUS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

## Please amend the claims as follows:

--4. (amended) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that the said reduction in height is progressive from the said adjacent rectilinear region.--